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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☒ The Applicants claim small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (24 pages).
- ☒ Formal drawings (8 sheets, Figures 1-7B).
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
- ☒ Assignment of the invention to Gateway Plastics, Inc. (3 pages).

- ☒ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (1 page).
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$40.00 for Assignment recordation.
- ☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76) (3 pages).

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